



STATE OF MARYLAND

**DHMH**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
*Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**  
**August 16, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by the Chairperson,  
Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

**Board members present:**

Donald Novak, PT  
Rhea Cohn, PT  
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Kimberly Totondo, PTA  
Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson  
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

**Also present:**

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director  
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel  
John Bull, Compliance Manager/Investigator  
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator  
Nancy Stanciel, Board Secretary  
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

**Guests:**

Paula Hollinger  
Sharon Bloom  
Ann Tyminski

John Baker, PT welcomed the new Board Executive Director, Carlton A. Curry.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 19, 2011 were approved with several Minutes changes.

The Board members agreed that the evaluation of PT procedure billing codes does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Board. It was agreed that Ms. Berman would be provided the name of an individual to contact for a detailed explanation of the codes.

M. Berman/PT  
Codes

Anne Haile, PT wrote the Board questioning the appropriate billing code for Trigger Point Needling. The Board agreed that providing PT billing codes does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Anne Haile, PT  
Trigger Point  
Needling Code

Barbara Carol Miller wrote the Board to inquire whether a PTA can write orders in medical charts. The Board agreed that orders are part of the plan of care of a patient, so therefore; only a PT can write an order/plan of care.

B.C. Miller/PTA  
Orders in Charts

James Loan wrote the Board to inquire whether a PTA can test a patient's Berg or Tinetti regarding progress. The Board concluded that the documentation of the scores and data recording can be done by the PTA. The PTA, however, cannot interpret the scores.

James Loan,  
PTA/Berg  
Balance Testing

Ms. Neville reminded the Board that the report required by HB 114 is due by December 31, 2011.

K.  
Neville/Reminder

Rhea Cohn, PT presented an update on the Intramuscular Manual Therapy report from the Dry Needling Committee. She clarified the requirements and concerns. The Board discussed issues involving training, competency, quantifying experience, the pediatric population, and patient informed consent.

IMT Report  
Draft/Rhea Cohn,  
PT

The Board agreed that Dry Needling is an advanced skill which requires expertise and possibly a certification course, and that the procedure should be performed by an experienced clinician. It was suggested by Ms. Tyminski that the Board corroborate with other states which offer Dry Needling for guidance with language and certification requirements. The Board also discussed and agreed that there should be no age restrictions for patients. That the clinician should rely on his/her professional judgment and competence to determine if the procedure is suitable for the patient. This issue was then referred to the committee and Mr. Felter for modifications to the final draft.

Dry Needling

Ms. Aaron presented a report of the number of new applicants and license renewals to date.

Licensee  
Updates/Joy  
Aaron

Ms. Aaron presented the income summary for FY 2012.

Income Summary

The newsletter was reviewed by the Board. It was agreed that the new version of the Model Practice Act would be reviewed by the Legislative Committee.

FSBPT  
Newsletter

John Baker, PT provided a summary of the meeting between the Board representatives and Dr. Sharfstein, Secretary of DHMH. Dr. Baker reviewed the initiatives which were undertaken by the PT Board concerning customer service, solving disputes, and Dry Needling.

Follow up/PT  
Meeting

The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course applications: "*Mental Health & Older Adults, Part 1*", because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. "*Mental Health & Older Adults, Part 2: Mental Illness in Later Life*" because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. "How Does Your Engine Run" because the course was not relevant to the practice of physical therapy.

Continuing  
Education

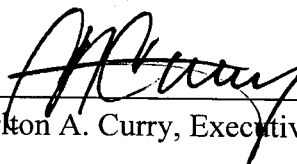
The board discussed the PowerPoint presentation for Internet Investigation Methods and Tools.

Informational

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:13 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (1) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

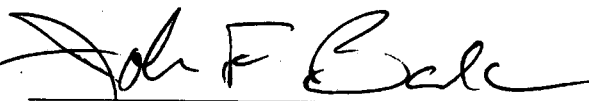
The board meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

9/20/2011  
Date approved



Dr. John Baker, Chairperson